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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 4 LINE 4 SECOND WORD READ  
SYRIANS VICE ISRAELIS)

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI LE PINT PINS  
SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: REPORT CHRISTIAN FORCES MAY BE ON  
OFFENSIVE

1. DATT, LCOL. BADOLATO, INFORMED BY LEBANESE ARMY G-2 AT 0930Z  
JUNE 17 THAT THEY HAVE MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER LEBANESE FORCES  
QULAYAH, MAJOR GEORGE SAAD HADDAD, SAYING HE IS GOING TO ATTACK  
THE "FOREIGNERS" (READ PALESTINIANS) AND CALLING ON LEBANESE  
ARMY TO SUPPORT HIS ATTACK. THERE HAS BEEN INCREASED BOMBARD-  
MENT OVER NABATIYAH THIS MORNING COMING FROM HADDAD'S DIRECTION,  
AND GOL CONCERNED THAT SOMETHING IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN. THEY HAVE  
ALSO INTERCEPTED MESSAGES FROM PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS OF INCREASED  
ISRAELI AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AND CONCERNED THIS IS INDICATION  
ISRAELIS ARE UP TO SOMETHING.

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2. NO DATE OR TIME GIVEN FOR HADDAD'S ATTACK, AND OF COURSE OUR  
READING HAS BEEN THAT HADDAD AND HIS FRIENDS NOT IN POSITION TO  
TAKE OFFENSIVE. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT WHO  
VISITED HADDAD IN MARJAYUN YESTERDAY AND WAS TOLD BY LATTER THAT  
HE WAS KEPT ON VERY SHORT RATIONS BY ISRAELIS.

3. LEBANESE GHQ IS ALARMED BY SITUATION AND IS SENDING MESSAGE TO MAJOR HADDAD NOT TO BEGIN ANY OPERATIONS WITHOUT ORDERS FROM GHQ.

4. COMMENT: HAVE BEEN TOLD BY CHAMOUNISTS THAT HADDAD IS MAN TO WATCH TO DETERMINE WHETHER ISRAELIS DO HAVE INTENTIONS START SOMETHING IN SOUTH. FACT HE WAS QUOTED THIS MORNING BY KOL ISRAEL THAT SYRIANS HAD BOMBARDED HIS POSITIONS IS POSSIBLY DISTURBING SIGN. MESSAGE MAY BE CASE OF HADDAD ACTING ON HIS OWN OR BEING IMPETUOUS, BUT EVEN SO WE FIND THIS REPORT CONFIRMS OUR BELIEF SITUATION BEARS VERY CLOSE WATCHING.

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